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Applicant : Patrick Leahy  
For : A DEVICE AND METHOD FOR USE IN SURGERY

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, Applicant wishes to amend his application as follows:

**Claim Amendments** begin on page 2.

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